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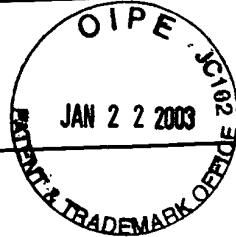
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002, in the subject application,
Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

~~In the Specification, please delete the paragraphs inserted at page 3, line 35, which were contained in the amendment filed on April 13, 2001.~~

Please replace Claims 29, 42, and 52 with the following amended Claims 29, 42, and 52:

29. (Amended) A process for obtaining a highly-purified alginate composition, the process comprising the steps of:

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a) extracting an algae material with a complex forming agent for providing a solution containing solved alginate,